Public Involvement

INDOT works to ensure that all state and local transportation projects are designed and progress with public involvement in mind. It is essential that INDOT's customers are given ample opportunities to learn about projects affecting their area, and to certainly provide valuable input, which will enable INDOT to design a better project. INDOT strives to establish a proactive public involvement process that provides complete information regarding projects, timely public notice, full public access to important decisions, and supports early and continuing public involvement in regard to developing plans and transportation improvement programs.

Agency Goal

It is the goal of INDOT to develop a continuous public involvement process. This is not limited to attending a public meeting or hearing. INDOT's public involvement process must be accessible to the public, identifying and addressing critical environmental issues early in the project-development process. INDOT's goal is to meet the needs of the general public, MPOs, regulatory agencies, public officials, as well as project stakeholders, all the while providing early and continuing input into the project development process.

Environmental Justice

INDOT is fully committed to designing transportation projects that are environmentally just. Cost, safety, and a quality design are all important aspects of any project. However, environmental justice must be the backbone of every project. After all, INDOT projects are built and designed to better serve the public. INDOT understands that at the heart of any transportation project there are people, communities and ways of life being impacted.

On the Road with INDOT

INDOT always looks forward to receiving input from its customers. Phone calls, e-mails, letters, or even faxes are all good ways to receive the public concerns. However, there is no substitute for actually meeting customers face to face. INDOT public hearings and public information meetings provide our customers with the opportunity of expressing their concerns in person, while learning important details about a specific project. Visit INDOT's Web site at http://www.state.in.us/dot/public_i.html for more information concerning public involvement and notices.

Date	Public Hearings	Information Meetings
1999	27	23
Jan-Nov 2000	14	29

- 1) What is the average number of people to attend a public hearing or meeting? Approximately 60-75 people
- 2) What is least number of people to attend a public hearing/meeting? 10 people
- 3) What is the largest number of people to attend a public hearing/meeting? 1,100 people

Public Hearings